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1. DURING MEETING FEBRUARY 17, DEPUTY MINISTER OF LAND RECLAMATION AND WATER RESOURCES KH. T. PETERSON INFORMED COMMATT THAT MINISTRY WAS INTERESTED IN MOVING AHEAD WITH PROPOSED SEMINAR/EXHIBIT AND WOULD PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE. PROPOSED DATES (MAY 10-14) WERE ALSO ACCEPTABLE, PETERSON NOTED, BUT HE ADDED THAT THIS CAME AT VERY BUSY TIME FOR MINISTRY IN VIEW PLANNED CEREMONIES IN CONNECTION WITH 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF MINISTRY'S FORMATION.

2. AS FAR AS CONTENT, PETERSON STRONGLY URGED THAT THIS ACTIVITY, WHICH HE SUGGESTED MIGHT BE FIRST OF SERIES OF SUCH EVENTS COVERING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF IRRIGATION, DRAINAGE AND LAND RECLAMATION WORK, SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON DRIP IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT. HE EXPLAINED THAT WHILE HIS MINISTRY WAS DISCUSSING WIDE VARIETY OF PROJECTS WITH U.S. COMPANIES, IT WAS CLOSEST TO AGREEMENTS IN AREA OF DRIP IRRIGATION. (COMMENT: IN THIS CONNECTION, PETERSON MENTIONED NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY ON PROJECTS IN MOLDAVIA AND CRIMEA WITH SUPERIOR FARMING AND CERES INTERNATIONAL, AND HE SUGGESTED THAT SEMINAR/EXHIBITION COULD SERVE TO ADVANCE THESE PROJECTS. END COMMENT).

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3. AS TO PARTICIPANTS, PETERSON SUGGESTED FOLLOWING COMPANIES:

1) PERMA RAIN, IRRIGATION INC.

P.O. BOX 880

LINDSAY, CAL 93247

2) SPOT SYSTEMS, INC.

P.O. BOX 807

WILLOW ROAD

REDMOND, WASHINGTON, 98052

3) AGRO-TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS INC.

421 SANTA ROSA DR.

PALM SPRINGS, CAL 92262

4) PARKER ENGINEERING INC.

P.O. ?9/ 445

CORONA, CALIFORNIA 91720

5) YEARDING ELECTRIC CO.

P.O. BOX 352.

CORONA, CAL 91720

6) LAVAL SEPARATOR CO.

1899 NORTH HELM

P.O. ?9/ 6119

FRESNO, CAL 93727

7) SUPERIOR FRAMING COMPANY

BAKERSFIELD, CAL.

(ROBERT SCHRAMM, WASHINGTON REP)

8) DUPONT

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

4. PETERSON PROMISED TO PROVIDE SHORTLY LISTS OF SPECIFIC TYPES OF EQUIPMENT PRODUCED BY EACH OF ABOVE FIRMS WHICH ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST FOR MINISTRY. AS REGARDS DUPONT, PETERSON SAID FIRM HAD GIVEN SOVIETS FOR TEST PURPOSES SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITY OF ITS "VIAFLO" PLASTIC PIPE FOR TESTING PURPOSES AND HE SUGGESTED THAT DUPONT REP MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING USE OF THIS PIPE. PETERSON NOTED THAT SUPERIOR FARMING CURRENTLY UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEMS IN OPERATION ON AREA OF MORE THAN 3,000 HECTARES IN BAKERSFIELD AREA AND HE SAID SOVITS WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN HEARING ABOUT SUPERIOR'S EXPERIENCES IN OPERATING THIS SYSTEM.

5. AS BEWT AWARE, SCHRAMM OF SUPERIOR FARMING WAS RECENTLY IN MOSCOW FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTRY, AND HE SHOULD BE VERY USEFUL CONTACT IN ATTRACTING GOOD SELECTION OF U.S.

FIRMS.

6. PETERSON WAS VERY PLEASED TO LEARN THAT SULLIVAN OF BUREAU OF RECLAMATION WAS INVOLVED IN PLANNING OF THIS EVENT AND HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SULLIVAN WOULD BE ABLE TO COME TO MOSCOW AT THAT TIME.

7. PETERSON ALSO RAISED TWO POSSIBILITIES WHICH SHOULD MAKE THIS SEMINAR/EXHIBIT OF PARTICULAR INTEREST FOR U.S. PARTICIPANTS:

1) MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TWO PAPERS DURING SEMINAR/EXHIBIT ON ITS EXPERIENCES IN DEVELOPING AND USING DRIP IRRIGATION SYSTEMS;

2) MINISTRY IS LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITY OF ORGANIZING TRIP FOR PARTICIPANTS TO KISHINEV WHERE COMPANY REPS COULD PRESENT PAPERS AGAIN AND VISIT SEVERAL PROJECTS WHICH MINISTRY IS UNDERTAKING IN MOLDAVIA.

8. COMMENT: COMMERCIAL OFFICE BELIEVES THAT INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MINISTRY ON ITS PREFERENCES FOR SEMINAR/EXHIBIT SHOULD SERVE AS GOOD BASIS FOR PLANNING. WE WOULD WELCOME BEWT'S REACTIONS.
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